

# The Fourteenth Annual EPICS User Conference



# Focus on the Future

April 15–18, 2012

New York – New York Hotel  
Las Vegas, Nevada



**Other than the AEC, Foy’s EPICS User Conference is the largest annual gathering of extruders in North America.**



**Join us in April to see why so many industry leaders say this is the most worthwhile conference they attend.**

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# CONFERENCE TOPICS

## Conference Theme: *Focus on the Future*

**The extrusion market is recovering – is your company prepared to increase its share of this expanding market?**



*Topics are still being added to the conference schedule, but here is a partial description of the items to be covered. Check our web site for updates.*



As the extrusion market starts to recover, it is critical that extruders prepare for the recovery by increasing their efficiency and enhancing their

customer service. The EPICS User Conference will concentrate on these two aspects.



EPICS contains hundreds of time-saving features that have been fine-tuned over the last few years. We will review these features, reminding you how to make EPICS even more valuable in your job.

The Customer Activity Log is an example of a feature that many users do not fully utilize. This capability will be described in detail.

Extrusion pricing can be a complex area, and we will review all of EPICS' industry-specific capabilities.

Using EPICS from mobile devices will be covered, from the iPhone Extat app to using tablets in the plant.

With the increasing number of handheld barcode scanners appearing on the market, providing the ability to use each of them with EPICS becomes almost unmanageable. We will describe how using terminal services resolves this problem.

The ability to design your own screens with User Fields was introduced at the last conference. This highly acclaimed capability will be reviewed this year, and examples demonstrated.

We will review the operating systems, database versions, and Crystal Reports versions currently supported by Foy, as well as plans for continuing support for 2012 and beyond

## Help Design the Next Version of EPICS

The Foy staff has been working on EPICS V9, with the intention of releasing it at the 2013 User Conference. So an important feature of the 2012 Conference will be the solicitation of your input into the design process. Are there major changes you would like to see in EPICS V9? Do you have a great idea for a new user interface? This will be your chance to help direct the development of this major project.



## Review of Features Added to EPICS in 2011

Each year, Foy releases several EPICS updates between conferences. We will review the changes that have been made since last year's conference, highlighting the ones that will be of most interest to you.

## New Reports

Foy is always adding new reports to EPICS. This session will review these reports, as well as improvements that have been made to several standard reports.

## Wishlist

One of the most popular EPICS User Conference sessions is the Wishlist workshop. Users develop a list of new features and changes they would like to see in EPICS. This list is then sent to all EPICS customers, who rank the proposals. The consolidated final rankings become the Foy priority list for the next year. This year's Wishlist sessions will be devoted to items to include in EPICS V9.

## Networking

One of the greatest values of the EPICS User Conference is the opportunity to network with other EPICS



users. You will almost certainly find someone who has already solved the problem you have. Conference attendees always take home numerous tips from the dozens of other EPICS users present. Last year we set aside time in each day's proceedings to divide into discussion groups, each addressing specific topics. We will repeat these very popular sessions this year.

## TRAINING SESSION ADD-ON DAY

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The optional day of training will be on Wednesday, April 18. The class will include training on the new features that will be introduced at the conference. All of the changes that have been added over the last year will be covered in detail. We will also cover many of the older EPICS features that you may have overlooked.



For the last six years, we have added an optional training day to the conference schedule, and it has been very popular. Well over 50% of the attendees stay for this valuable session. We are repeating this popular feature again in 2012.



While we will have certain topics to cover, much of the training will be driven by user requests. If you have topics you think would be good for the training session, please contact us in the next few weeks.

See the registration page for prices for this optional session.

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## REGISTRATION RECEPTION



As usual, the conference will kick off at 4:00PM Sunday with an informal reception. Join the Foy Inc staff and your fellow EPICS users in the Penthouse Suite, overlooking the fantastic Las Vegas Strip. Stop in to receive your registration packet, and stay for the refreshments and great discussions. The reception will be open until 8:00PM.

## DOWNTOWN DINNER AND THE FREMONT STREET EXPERIENCE

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Monday evening we will all meet in Downtown Las Vegas for a great steak dinner at [The Top of Binion's](#), with a spectacular view of Las Vegas from the 24<sup>th</sup> floor. Whether you choose steak or shrimp scampi, you will enjoy an extraordinary dinner.

After dinner we will adjourn downstairs to the Fremont Street Experience located in the heart of downtown Las Vegas. The world-famous, one-of-a-kind entertainment venue is home to [Viva Vision](#), the biggest big screen on the planet. More than 12 million lights in the Viva Vision canopy and 550,000 watts of concert quality sound pumped to speakers throughout the venue produce an incredible array of eye-popping imagery and heart pounding music. Viva Vision shows appear nightly on the hour beginning at dusk, and we will finish dinner in time for the 8:00PM event. The giant LED screen towers 90-feet above a pedestrian mall lined with unique retail shopping kiosks and two permanent performance stages. Ten legendary casinos line Fremont Street Experience with more than 60 restaurants and

thousands of loose slots. Free concerts, special events, and roaming street performers entertain the nearly 17 million visitors who come to experience the vintage Vegas attraction each year.

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# HOTEL

The 2012 EPICS User Conference will be held at the [New York – New York Hotel](#), located on the Las Vegas Strip.



The New York – New York Hotel is holding a [block of rooms](#) for conference attendees. Be sure to make your reservations early – the rooms will be held only until March 14 (or until they sell out.)



Special Foy Conference room rates are \$189 for Saturday, April 14, and \$149 for Sunday through Wednesday nights. Check the [hotel web site](#) for descriptions of the rooms.

Contact the New York – New York directly to make your reservations. You can make reservations on [this special web site](#), or by calling 1-800-693-6763 and telling them you are attending the **Foy Inc EPICS User Conference**, with a group code of **SCFOYI0412**.

# TRAVEL NOTES



The New York – New York Hotel and Casino is located a very short taxi ride from McCarran International Airport (LAS). **Most conference attendees will not need to rent a car.** Travel up and down the Strip is best done on foot, on the monorail, in taxis, or on the frequent trolleys.

The Monday night dinner will be in downtown Las Vegas, and you will need to plan for transportation to and from this event. Sharing a taxi with other conference attendees is probably the easiest way to get back and forth.

The [Deuce Bus](#) is another option. It is a double-decker bus that runs along the Strip and continues downtown. Three-day passes are only \$15, but travel can be very slow due to massive traffic jams on the Strip.



# CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

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You can register for the conference by clicking [here](#), or by going to the Foy web site [www.foync.com](http://www.foync.com). Or you can call the Foy office and talk to Stacy at 972-782-7282.



This year's registration fee includes the Sunday evening reception, conference sessions on Monday and Tuesday, breakfast and lunch on both Monday and Tuesday, and the Monday evening Downtown Dinner.

The registration fee for the optional Training Session includes continental breakfast and lunch on Wednesday.

*Be sure to make your reservations with Foy Inc before March 14 in order to get a major discount.*

*And be sure to make your [hotel](#) and airline reservations ASAP.*

## **Registration Fees prior to March 14, 2012:**

Conference Registration	\$550
Optional Training Registration	\$225

## **Registration Fees after April 14, 2011:**

Conference Registration	\$675
Optional Training Registration	\$275

## **Guest registration**

Guest registration	\$75	<i>Includes the Sunday evening reception and Monday evening's Downtown Dinner.</i>
Guest Meals:	\$25 each	<i>Breakfast or Lunch on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday</i>

**Be sure to [contact New York – New York Hotel](#)  
for your room reservations!**

**[See the hotel information on page 9](#)**

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